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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PHELPS-STOKES FUND OFFICIAL, MS. IDA WOOD

1. ACCOMPANIED BY MS. MARY PRICE, PHELPS-STOKES FUND REP IDA WOOD VISITED SWAZILAND MAY 8-14 TO INTERVIEW REFUGEE CANDIDATES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN US UNIVERSITIES. WITH GOS COOPERATION, MS WOOD ADDRESSED YOUNG MALE REFUGEES IN TWO MALKERNS-VALLEY CAMPS AND YOUNG WOMEN REFUGEES IN THEIR MBABANE HOSTEL. ALL OF THE 50-PLUS WERE SOUTH AFRICAN EXCEPT FOR ABOUT FIVE MOZAMBICANS. SHE ALSO MET INDIVIDUALLY AT EMBASSY WITH SEVERAL WALK-INS.

2. NO WOMEN MET MS. WOOD'S CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. FOUR YOUNG MEN WHO MET THE CRITERIA AND PASSED MS. WOOD'S WRITTEN EXAM AND ORAL WERE SELECTED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. MS. WOOD LEFT WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOS REFUGEE OFFICER AND UNHCR REP SABITI WITH VIEW TO GETTING CANDIDATES TO NEW YORK APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 13. PURSUANT STATE 117363 MS. WOOD DID NOT SCREEN POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR SECONDARY-LEVEL SCHOLARSHIPS BUT SHE TOOK BACK, FOR CONSIDERATION BY CERTAIN AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THE NAMES OF PROMISING SECONDARY-LEVEL CANDIDATES FOR PRIVATE AMERICAN SUPPORT.

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3. EMBASSY, GOS, MENNONITE REFUGEE-SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, AND UNHCR REP ARE ALL PLEASED AT OUTCOME OF THIS VISIT.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT: EMBASSY IS CONCERNED ABOUT ONE ASPECT OF MS. WOOD'S VISIT ON WHICH DEPARTMENT OR AID/W MAY BE ABLE TO HELP. MS. WOOD INSISTED TO ME SEVERAL TIMES DURING HER STAY THAT SHE HAD BEEN TO SWAZILAND ON SIMILAR MISSION IN

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NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. THIS NEWS CAME AS GREAT SURPRISE BECAUSE
WE SENT NUMBER OF CABLES TO WASHINGTON AND TO AFRICAN POSTS
IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MS. WOOD WHEN SHE FAILED TO APPEAR
IN SWAZILAND LAST YEAR AS SCHEDULED. DURING RECENT VISIT,
MS. WOOD TOLD ME SHE HAD NOT STAYED LONG IN NOVEMBER
"BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO HERE." IN FACT, REFUGEE
NUMBERS WERE EVEN HIGHER IN NOVEMBER THAN NOW. AFTER
WEEK'S STAY THIS TIME, MS. WOOD WAS STILL UNABLE TO RECALL
NAME OF ANY PERSON INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF GOS TO WHOM SHE TALKED
IN NOVEMBER. HER INSISTENCE THAT SHE HAD VISITED SWAZILAND
BEFORE WAS PUZZLING TO ALL WHOM SHE MET THIS TIME. IF DEPARTMENT
OR AID/W RECEIVES PHELPS-STOKES TRIP REPORT FOR USG-FUNDED
VISITS, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ENTRIES, IF ANY,
FOR MS. WOOD FOR SWAZILAND FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1977. ADVISE.
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